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To: MLPA North Coast Stakeholders  
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Subject: Proposed Closures at Sea Ranch Coastline

I am very concerned about the attitude of some of the stakeholders that are responsible for presenting options and proposals for MPA areas to be closed.

There seems to be a belief by some folks that Sea Ranchers are elitists and that they hassle the public. These opinions are perceptions of a few and have very little credibility. The beliefs that Sea Ranchers are elitists go against the very principals that Sea Ranch was founded on. Refer to the book "The Sea Ranch...Diary of an Idea" by Laurence Halprin, page 51, which calls for a non-elitist community. Occasionally, a Sea Rancher may hassle people. There is no prejudice here, as Sea Ranchers hassle Sea Ranchers, too. If you break the rules, you are going to be hassled. The same thing can happen at Salt Point or any other area. This is not necessarily bad as we all need to obey the rules and should report those that don't.

It appears that some stakeholders want to label Sea Ranch as an unfriendly community to further their agenda, which does not consider the impact to the locals and the community. Gualala, Anchor Bay and Point Arena are not Monterey, Santa Cruz or San Francisco. These small communities have fragile economies that depend upon the people that visit the area and support their businesses and programs.

I believe the DFG has the information necessary to evaluate the impact that closing Sea Ranch will have on these small communities and that they will decide that there are other options to the south that will not upset the balance. The model that the Coastside Fishing Club and the Jade group is representing does not represent what is best for this local community.

The access points on the Sea Ranch are well marked with safe entrance and exit to Hwy 1 providing paved parking with toilets and good trails to the beaches. Access points to the south are often not marked, and have dangerous parking with marginal trails and no toilets! All these trails have some degree of difficulty and require some exertion.

I respect the member's and stakeholder's commitment and dedication to this process, but I fervently disagree with JD Proposal 2 for closure of Sea Ranch. It does not represent the public, which includes Sea Ranch owners and guests, renters, locals and their businesses that benefit from the enjoyment of these resources. I also believe that the JD Proposal 2 should be moved south and keep the northern boundary at the south end of Pebble Beach (38 degrees, 41.7 minutes). This is a better position that will preserve the local economies and benefit the many recreational users of this well managed area. Don't close this special area, folks that don't use motorboats need areas that give them safe entrance and exits and lots of eyes to ensure their safety should they get in trouble. This is recreation we should encourage, it's good for this community.

Respectfully,  
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Sea Ranch homeowner and lifetime fisherman/outdoorsman